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the bill so the Board of Lands and Funds can do that which needs to be done.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

(End Belt 1A)

(Start Belt 2A)

then Whitney, Richard Lewis, Stull.

SENATOR BURBACH: I wonder if Senator DeCamp would yield to a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp yield.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR BURBACH: Senator DeCamp, I know you said it, but I did not hear it in its entirety, but I need to have it cleared up in my mind. This problem about constitutionality. Do I interpret you correctly when you say, the problem has been existing for sometime in the past because there was not legislative action or a statute to do the things that we are intending to do here today, is this right?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Sir.

SENATOR BURBACH: The problem arose only because of the lack of action by this body, right?

SENATOR DECAMP: I would say that is correct

SENATOR BURBACH: Well, now then, what we are attempting to do is set aside a certain amount of these revenues for improvement and development. Development such as removal of trees in certain areas, where center pivot irrigation may want to be used, or for exploring into drilling a well also.

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, Sir. I'll give you an example on that particular point. There is I guess, I was just looking. I've got a copy on my desk of it. A chunk of land that right now for their purposes of rental purposes is worthless. It's got willow trees covering most of it. All they need to do is remove the willow trees and the land becomes worth \$1,200 to \$1,300 an acre, which brings in a tremendous amount of revenue. So over a period of time your just increasing your revenue tremendously.

SENATOR BURBACH: And we are charging the State Board of Educational Lands and Funds to clean up and to make more useful some of this land that we now are having an marginal area. And then we will have more income down the road ways that it will not be a cost it will be a profit venture. Would this then be the...

SENATOR DECAMP: That is better stated than I could have stated it. That is exactly correct.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. We are charged with the responsibility, and we've discharged a